

Date: 25/02/2025
Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014165/I

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014165/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REFINE REQUEST FROM 01/FOI/25/014101/O

***In the past four calendar years (1st January 2021 - when this request was processed)
Could you please perform the same search but only looking into crimes where only these two
online dating apps have been mentioned:***

- ***Grindr***
- ***Tinder***

1a. Please break down the data by year.

1b. Please break down the data by the following offence groups:

- ***Sexual offences***
- ***Theft offences***
- ***Violence against the person***
- ***Robbery***

1c. Please break down the data further down by the specific offence within each offence group

1d. Please also indicate what dating app was mentioned in the report, namely if it was the

- ***Grindr***
- ***Tinder***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP would be unable to respond to this request without completing a manual review of the qualifying results for this FOI. The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request and so a review manually would be needed to see if the dating apps requested are mentioned. Initial searches have been carried out and reveal over 330 results and at a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per review it would take approximately 27hrs to complete.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduced time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.

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